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SUBJECT: PROTECTIVE SECURITY SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

SYNOPSIS: PRESENT SECURITY SITUATION IN NICOSIA CALM.
ALL AMERICAN STAFF MAINTAINING LOW PROFILE AND FOLLOWING
APPROPRIATE SECURITY PROCEDURES PARTICULARLY ON ANY
UNNECESSARY TRAVEL AROUND CITY. ADDITIONAL SECURITY
EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN.

1. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS ANTI-AMERICAN
INCIDENTS SINCE AUGUST 19 DEMONSTRATION AT EMBASSY. GOC
PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY SIXTY POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN
PLUS ONE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORED VEHICLE FOR PERIMETER DEFENSE
OF EMBASSY.

2. PROTECTION FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN ON ALL MOVEMENTS
BEING PROVIDED BY CRAMPSEY, ROCHE, AND SIX GOC PLAINSCLOTHES
POLICEMEN. SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS
OF AMBASSADOR'S BEDROOM AND OFFICE BEING ACCOMPLISHED
WITH THE INSTALLATION 1/4 INCH STEEL AND LEXAN COVERING
OF ALL EXTERIOR OPENINGS. THIS WORK BEING EXPEDITED BUT
COMPLETION DEPENDS UPON AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS AND
WORKMEN.

3. MOVEMENT OF AMERICAN STAFF OUTSIDE EMBASSY LIMITED TO
OFFICIAL TRAVEL. ALL STAFF RESIDING EITHER IN EMBASSY OR
AT DESIGNATED RESIDENCES WITHIN GOC ESTABLISHED DEFENSE
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PERIMETER AROUND EMBASSY.

4. ASSESMENT OF PRIORITY SECURITY EQUIPMENT NEEDS WITH
RATIONALE FOLLOWS:

A. TWENTY US MILITARY TYPE HELMETS AND TWENTY SETS
CERAMIC BODY ARMOR TO BE USED BY INTERNAL DEFENSE TEAM.
PRESENTLY NO BODY ARMOR AVAILABLE AND ONLY HELMETS
AVAILABLE DO NOT PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST GUNFIRE.

B. SIX UZI'S AND SIX 357 MAGNUMS OR SUITABLE REPLACEMENTS
FOR GOC POLICE BODY GURADS ASSIGNED TO AMBASSADOR
WHO HAVE NO ASSIGNED HANDGUNS AND PRESENTLY
USING ANTIQUATED MACHINE GUNS.

C. TWO STAR LITE SCOPES; SURROUNDING IMMEDIATE AREA HAS
MANY TALL APARTMENT BUILDINGS (SOME STILL UNDER
CONSTRUCTION). SCOPES FOR NIGHTTIME SURVEILLANCE AS THESE
ARE VULNERABLE AREAS.

D. THREE SCOTT AIR-PACKS SHOULD NEED ARISE FOR FIGHTING
FIRE.

E. TWENTY ADDITIONAL GAS MASKS.

F. SIX 50X7 FIELD GLASSES

G. ADDITIONAL 200 SQ. FEET OF LEXAN.

H. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF REQUESTED TEAR GAS
AND ARMORED VEHICLE.

5. RSO MULVEY WILL PROVIDE DETAILED NARRATIVE ACCOUNT OF
DEMONSTRATION AND THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

6 ESSENTIAL THAT DEPARTMENT FOCUS IMMEDIATELY ON TEAR GAS
REQUIREMENT. PRESENT SUPPLY LOW AND WOULD BE MARGINAL AT
BEST IN CASE OF ATTACK ON EMBASSY.

7. AMBASSADOR BROWN CONCURS.
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